

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

What's New

September 28, 2023

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• **MiLearn Updates for the 2023-24 School Year**

• Users of the Michigan Linked Educational Assessment Reporting Network (MiLearn) will be greeted with some valuable updates and additions when they access the system this year.

• New for district users connected to MiLearn:

- Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmarks Assessment reports will be available in MiLearn within 48 hours of the assessment having been completed.
- Spanish and Arabic translations of Parent Reports are available for parents and students. Educators can also view these translations when viewing a Parent Report by selecting Export, then Export to PDF. A window will open that allows the user to choose the language they want the PDF to be created in.
- Help documents for parents for WIDA Access for ELLs and WIDA Alternate Access for ELLs are available in Arabic and Spanish translations.
- PSAT™/SAT™ Reports are now available. These include:
 - » Parent and Student Reports
 - Grade 8 Testing Parent Report
 - PSAT™ 8/9 for Grade 9 Individual Student Report
 - PSAT™ 10 Individual Student Report
 - MME Parent Report
 - » Educator Reports
 - PSAT™ 8/9 for Grade 8 Individual Student Report
 - PSAT™ 8/9 for Grade 9 Individual Student Report
 - PSAT™ 10 Individual Student Report
 - SAT™ Individual Student Report
 - PSAT™ 8/9 Grade 8 Student Roster Report
 - PSAT™ 8/9 Grade 9 Student Roster Report
 - PSAT™ 10 Student Roster Report
 - SAT™ Student Roster Report

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What is MiLearn?

MiLearn is a free service of the Michigan Department of Education that delivers state assessment data electronically to students, parents, and educators directly through the district's Student Information System (SIS). MiLearn is updated daily using Michigan DataHub data to reflect student enrollment changes.

MiLearn is available to all Michigan school districts that participate in the Michigan DataHub. It provides a convenient, year-round tool for educators, parents, and students to view multiple years of state assessment reports. Users access the system directly through their SIS with no secondary login information needed. More information about MiLearn can be found in the [Michigan Data Hub Product Catalog](https://bit.ly/3EVrwIY) (<https://bit.ly/3EVrwIY>).

How does my district join MiLearn?

Your district can add MiLearn to its list of resources available to educators, parents, and students. MiLearn supports the five major SIS vendors (MISTAR-Q, Skyward, PowerSchool, Infinite Campus, and Synergy). To get the process started right away for your district, email MDSupport@midatahub.org, and you will be walked through the setup process.

WIDA ACCESS Checklists Available

The Spring 2024 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online and Paper Checklists are now available on the [Michigan WIDA website](http://www.michigan.gov/wida) (www.michigan.gov/wida). These checklists are must-have resources for EL Assessment Coordinators, Test Administrators, and Technology Coordinators. They include all the required steps to prepare for, administer, and conduct post-testing assessment activities.

Accessing Previous WIDA Test Scores

All WIDA assessment scores for students can be accessed through the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) Secure Site if the school has been identified as a student's Primary Educational Providing Entity (PEPE) in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). Pupil accounting staff do not need to wait until a MSDS General Collection (count day) to identify the school as the student's PEPE; they can submit a Student Record Maintenance File (SRM) at any time when an SRM window is open. More information can be found in the [Accessing New Student's State Assessment Scores document](https://bit.ly/3ZCF5qk) (<https://bit.ly/3ZCF5qk>) on the [Secure Site Training Page](https://www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining) (<https://www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining>).

Post-Graduation Opportunities Information Packet

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has partnered with the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) to enhance the [Michigan Career Pathfinder](http://mitalent.org) (mitalent.org) Resources page with organized resources that will help students and their families review college information, find financial aid information, get a job, serve their community or country, assess their skills if unsure of their path, and explore opportunities to earn college credit or receive training in high school.

To comply with the Michigan Compiled Law 380.1293, a district, intermediate school district, public school academy, and nonpublic school shall disseminate the Pathfinder Resources Page link to pupils in grades 8-12 by October 1 of each year.

Use these resources to support the engagement of students and their families in the creation and continued review of robust Education Development plans.

Resources for Schools to Share with Students and Families:

- [Pathfinder Promotional Toolkit](https://puremi.ch/3ERSIZ3) (<https://puremi.ch/3ERSIZ3>)
- [Student Flyer](https://bit.ly/3PSsFr5) (<https://bit.ly/3PSsFr5>)

Information on the Pathfinder Resources page is intended to fulfill the requirements of [Michigan Compiled Law 380.1293](https://bit.ly/3RuxZ57) (<https://bit.ly/3RuxZ57>).

CB College Board Corner

Information on SAT®, PSAT™ 8/9, and PSAT™ 10 provided by the College Board

WHAT'S NEW

Technical Specifications for Digital Testing

In Spring 2024, the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT with Essay will be administered digitally. Proctors will provide the exam via [Test Day Toolkit](https://bit.ly/3PSIVcw) (<https://bit.ly/3PSIVcw>), and students will access the exam via [Bluebook](https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/) (<https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/>).

Test Day Toolkit is a web application that has inherent technical specifications. This application can be used on any device with an internet connection, and no installation is required.

The Bluebook application can be run on a Windows laptop or tablet, a Mac laptop, an iPad, or a school-managed Chromebook. Detailed technical requirements for digital testing can be found [online](https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/students/approved-devices) (<https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/students/approved-devices>). Before students take the digital PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, or SAT with Essay, it is important to determine the devices they will be testing with and ensure they meet the necessary technical specifications.

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REMINDERS

School Establishment and the Educational Entity Master (EEM)

School establishment is the process through which Michigan schools are identified as participating in the state assessments and are set up for digital testing in College Board systems.

It is important for schools to update their information in the [Educational Entity Master \(EEM\)](http://www.michigan.gov/eem) (<http://www.michigan.gov/eem>), which serves as Michigan's repository of education systems and contact information.

College Board will use the data in EEM to identify contact information for testing staff and to establish schools for testing. In addition to test coordinators, backup test coordinators, and Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Coordinators, building level technology coordinators must be assigned in EEM in order for schools to be set up for testing.

For each College Board assessment (SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 for grades 8 and 9), the following information is required for school test coordinators, backup school test coordinators, SSD Coordinators, and technology coordinators:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Email
- Telephone Number
- Complete Entity Physical Address (Street Address, City, State, Zip Code)

Note: The mailing address must be the physical district or school address associated with the test coordinator record. Make sure each of the fields above is accurate and complete for all applicable roles. Any incorrect data in EEM could delay your school's establishment process.

Questions about Spring SAT, PSAT 8/9, or PSAT 10?

- Call the Michigan Educator Hotline: 866-870-3127 (select Option 1)
- Email: michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org

Call Center: 877-560-8378 (select appropriate option) for assistance with assessment or accountability issues



What's New

Overview of the ACT WorkKeys Assessments

Even though the Spring 2024 administration of the ACT WorkKeys assessment is many months away, you can begin preparing now by getting an understanding of what the WorkKeys assessments are and how to prepare your students to take them.

The ACT WorkKeys assessment consists of three tests that measure real-world skills employers consider critical to job success and that increase career opportunities for students who do well on the assessments. The tests are:

- **Applied Math** — measures critical thinking, mathematical reasoning, and problem-solving techniques for actual situations in today's workplace
- **Graphic Literacy** — measures skills needed to locate, synthesize, and use information from charts, graphs, diagrams, and other materials
- **Workplace Documents** — measures skills needed to read and use written text such as memos, letters, directions, bulletins, and policies

How a student performs on the three WorkKeys tests determines their eligibility to earn an ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate® (NCRC). To earn a certificate, students must receive a level score of at least 3 out of 7 on each test.

Certificates are awarded at four levels:

- **Bronze** — requires a minimum level score of 3 out of 7 on all three tests
- **Silver** — requires a minimum level score of 4 out of 7 on all three tests
- **Gold** — requires a minimum level score of 5 out of 7 on all three tests
- **Platinum** — requires a minimum level score of 6 out of 7 on all three tests

Students who complete the Spanish-language versions of the assessments are eligible for an NCRC en Español.

Students who earn an NCRC can activate and print the certificate at no charge at the [My WorkKeys website](http://www.myworkkeys.com) (<http://www.myworkkeys.com>) once they receive their paper scores.

For more detailed information about the WorkKeys assessments, understanding scores, and the value of the NCRCs, go to [WorkKeys Assessments](https://bit.ly/46ppH2v) (<https://bit.ly/46ppH2v>).



Student Preparation – Go for Platinum!

Encourage your students to get an understanding of the types of questions they will see on the WorkKeys assessment, since this assessment is different than other types of exams. Students and teachers can access [free practice questions](https://bit.ly/3teG8AI) (https://bit.ly/3teG8AI) from all three tests, ranging from easier content (Level 3) to the most difficult (Level 7). Teachers and students may use these practice questions in the classroom as “Questions of the Day” or as warm-up activities in the weeks leading up to test day.

Students can also create a WorkKeys user account and take [free full-length online practice tests](https://bit.ly/3PvIcg1) (https://bit.ly/3PvIcg1). This allows students to pace themselves in real-time test scenarios and receive scores indicating how they would perform on the WorkKeys tests.

WorkKeys Test Coordinators can share the brochure [How WorkKeys Assessments Can Work For You](https://bit.ly/3EUO8tc) (https://bit.ly/3EUO8tc) with students, to increase their understanding of how to achieve an NCRC and how to use it after graduation.

More information about administering the WorkKeys assessment will be included in future Spotlight newsletters.

Contacting ACT

If you have questions, you may:

1. Contact ACT via the [Contact Us web page](http://www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html) (www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html)
2. Call ACT at 800-553-6244 between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET
 - standard time: ext. 2800
 - accommodations: ext. 1788
 - email accommodations questions to ACTStateAccoms@act.org

Important Dates

October 2023

Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments

Ongoing through October 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

- Pre-Identification of Students

Ongoing through October 27, 2023

- Create/Manage Online Test Sessions in DRC INSIGHT Portal
- **Note:** Pre-ID must be completed prior to creating test sessions

Ongoing through October 27, 2023

- Fall Testing Window

Conferences & Webinars

November 2023

Online WIDA ACCESS for ELLs (Grades 1-12) Webinar

November 6, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- [Registration link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-access-for-ells-online-grades-1-12-overview-webinar-tickets-689504114367?aff=oddtcreator) (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-access-for-ells-online-grades-1-12-overview-webinar-tickets-689504114367?aff=oddtcreator)

Kindergarten WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Webinar

November 7, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- [Registration link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kindergarten-wida-access-for-ells-overview-webinar-tickets-689513372057?aff=oddtcreator) (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kindergarten-wida-access-for-ells-overview-webinar-tickets-689513372057?aff=oddtcreator)

WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs (K-12) Webinar

November 9, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- The Alternate ACCESS for ELLs is an assessment specifically designed for English learners who are also students who have significant cognitive disabilities.
- [Registration link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-alternate-access-for-ells-overview-webinar-tickets-689519018947?aff=oddtcreator) (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-alternate-access-for-ells-overview-webinar-tickets-689519018947?aff=oddtcreator)

WIDA Screener Online Assessment (Grades 1-12) Overview Webinar

November 29, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- **Note:** This is a duplication of the September 13 overview webinar.
- [Registration link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-screener-online-overview-webinar-tickets-690257898957?aff=oddtcreator) (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-screener-online-overview-webinar-tickets-690257898957?aff=oddtcreator)

WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs (K-12) Webinar

November 30, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- **Note:** This is a duplication of the November 9 overview webinar.
- [Registration link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-alternate-access-for-ells-overview-webinar-tickets-690259774567?aff=oddtcreator) (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-alternate-access-for-ells-overview-webinar-tickets-690259774567?aff=oddtcreator)

Contact Us

Assessment and Accountability Call Center

For assistance with assessment or accountability issues:

Call **877-560-8378** (select appropriate option)

Options	Topics
1	to report cheating and unethical behavior by a district/school in regards to state assessments
2	for support of Central Office Services (COS), DRC INSIGHT Portal, and INSIGHT for the online M-STEP, MI-Access, and Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)
3	for support of the OEAA Secure Site for <u>all</u> state assessments, administration and policy questions related to M-STEP, MI-Access, Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2), and accountability reporting
4	for questions about the College Entrance and WorkKeys assessments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligibility, MDE policies, and OEAA Secure Site Support 2. SAT, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 – College Board 3. WorkKeys – ACT
5	for questions about the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs, and support for WIDA AMS, INSIGHT, and Central Office Services (COS)
8	for all other questions

Email

For assessment questions:

mde-oeaa@michigan.gov

For accountability questions:

mde-accountability@michigan.gov

WIDA Client Services

Call **866-276-7735** for assistance with **WIDA Screener** and the **WIDA Secure Portal** questions (for questions not covered in options 3 and 5 in the table above)

Call Center: 877-560-8378 (select appropriate option) for assistance with assessment or accountability issues